



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-14, 1600 hours

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## AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-14 by 1600 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

## KEY FINDINGS

- Protesters are reported to have dispersed from the Peace Bridge and surrounding areas in Fort Erie. The OPP have opened the QEW ramps near the Peace Bridge. A Facebook event was created indicating a planned "equine" protest to be held at the Peace Bridge on 2022-02-19.
- A small number of protestors were demonstrating at an intersection on the corner of Tecumseh and Northway in Windsor.
- Protestors on social media continue to discuss various options for restarting the Windsor protest; however, no information was identified during the reporting period about any planned protests for today or tomorrow.
- Despite reports to the contrary, the Blue Water Bridge remains open in both directions.

## NIAGARA REGION

### *Peace Bridge*

The Peace Bridge remains open to traffic this afternoon. OPP have reopened the QEW near the Peace Bridge.<sup>i</sup> A Facebook event titled "Freedom Ride" was created on 2022-02-14. The event is encouraging individuals to meet at the bottom of the Peace Bridge and ride horses to the bridge on 2022-02-19 at 1300 hours. At the time of this report, only three individuals responded as attending with an additional fifteen people indicating they were interested.<sup>ii</sup>

### *Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge*

No posts of concern regarding these locations.

## KINGSTON

No posts of concern regarding this location.

## CORNWALL

No posts of concern regarding this location.

## OGDENSBURG-PRESCOTT

No posts of concern regarding this location.

## WINDSOR

A small number of protestors were demonstrating at an intersection on the corner of Tecumseh and Northway in Windsor. Several protestors posted live streams in the Facebook group "Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022." Protestors continue to discuss various options for restarting the protest; however, no information was identified during the reporting period about any planned protests for today or tomorrow (Figure 1).

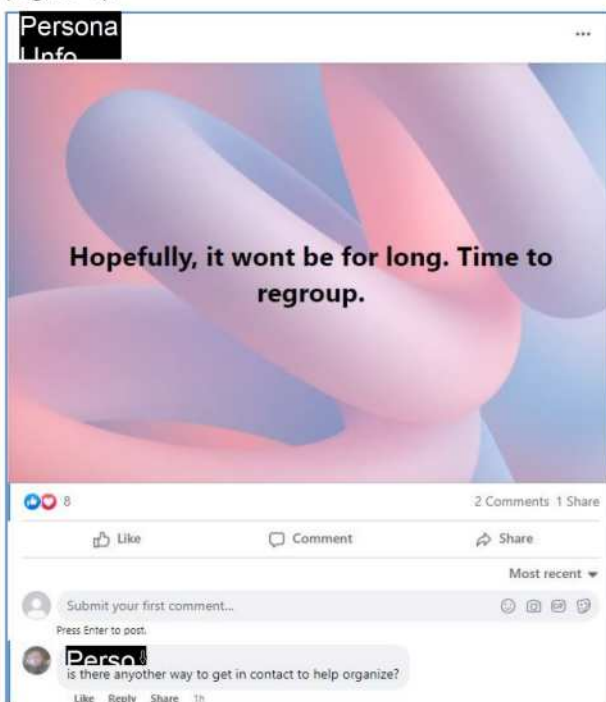


Figure 1: Facebook post in "Windsor Slowdown to support the Ottawa convoy"<sup>iii</sup>

Facebook users in the group "Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022," are trying to organize legal assistance for protestors who were arrested, and one user, "Personal Info.," was soliciting stories of injuries incurred during the protests that could be pitched to media outlets.<sup>iv</sup>

Significant negative attention in protestor groups continues to be directed towards the towing company Personal Info., including at least one protestor suggesting that the company be boycotted.<sup>v</sup>

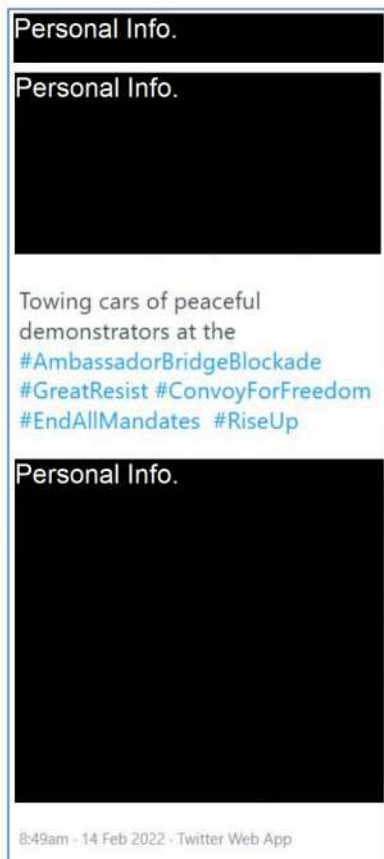


Figure 2: Facebook post suggested boycott of towing company<sup>vi</sup>

#### SARNIA

Scattered reports continue to suggest that the Blue Water Bridge is blocked, however, a tweet from the Federal Bridge Corporation at 1400 hours reports that the bridge is open in both directions.<sup>vii</sup>

#### SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern regarding this location.

#### OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern regarding this location.

#### TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern regarding this location.

## STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

This morning the Government of Ontario announced an easing of the province's current COVID regulations, including an end of the vaccine passport program on 2022-03-01. This announcement was met with mixed reaction online.

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

## LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

## DISSEMINATION

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